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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the above invention based on the following remarks.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.